

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1-8 and 10 have been amended herein.

Initially, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' claim for foreign priority and indicate that the certified copy of the priority document has been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-10 recite allowable subject matter. Although minor changes have been made to several claims to improve their form, these changes have not been made for any reasons related to patentability. Claims 1-10 are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

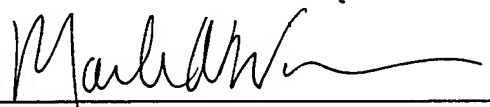
The drawings were objected to as allegedly not clearly showing the mechanical interaction of the recording apparatus. Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Letter Transmitting Corrected Formal Drawings amending Figure 10 so as to more clearly show the mechanical interaction of the release lever in the apparatus in perspective views. It should be noted that replacement Figure 10 includes only three steps of the lever movement sequence, whereas original Figure 10 included four steps. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Examiner required that a substitute specification be filed. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a substitute specification to improve the form of the original description. Favorable consideration is requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentably defined by Claims 1-10 and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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